



Short Safety Subject

Toy Safety Tips

You'll knock your eye out. You'll go deaf. You'll break your neck. Your mother always warned you about how dangerous your toys were. This season, choose the toys that will make your holiday a safe one.

The Matching Game

When choosing a toy, make sure to match the toy to the child's abilities. A toy that is too advanced or too simple for a child may be misused, which can lead to injury.

Think BIG when choosing toys. All toy parts should be larger than the child's mouth to prevent choking and other injuries.

Purchasing Tips

Read the instructions before buying a toy.

To avoid the risk of serious eye or ear injury, avoid toys that shoot small objects into the air or make loud or shrill noises. Hold noise-making toys next to your own ear to determine whether it will be too loud for a child.

Look for sturdy toy construction. The eyes, nose, and other small parts on soft toys and stuffed animals should be securely fastened. Avoid toys with sharp edges.

For the Older Crowd

Never buy hobby kits, such as chemistry sets, for any child younger than 12. Provide proper supervision for children ages 12 to 15.

Tips of arrows or darts should be blunt, made of soft rubber or flexible plastic, and securely fastened to the shaft.